

**BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD (NPS)****East of Chelsea Street, Charlestown, Boston**

From 1800 to 1974 the Boston Naval Shipyard at Charlestown functioned as one of the most important shipyards in the country and as one of Boston's major employers. Its buildings, cranes, docks, and piers illustrate the industrial/technological revolution that established the United States as the world's greatest naval power. Modern ship design and construction were pioneered here, and for more than a century most of the Navy's rope was manufactured in the shipyard. The yard was decommissioned in 1974 and is now part of the Boston National Historical Park.